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Loving means to love that which is unlovable, or it is no virtue at all; forgiving means to pardon the unpardonable, or it is no virtue at all; faith means believing the unbelievable, or it is no virtue at all. And to hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all.

.....G. K. Chesterton

NEWS FROM S. C. SCHOOL FOR BOYS. . . . . .

Religious Information

On November 2, 1974, nine (9) of our Boy Scouts attended the Pee Dee Camporee at Lynch's River State Park. The boys enjoyed it a great deal. It was good to see our boys performing in the contest and feeling good about winning in some of the Camporee contests.

On November 3, we had a guest youth choir from Mispah Baptist Church perform at our worship service. The choir was made up of 40 young people led by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Strickland. It was a real treat to be present and enjoy this worship service in song by the children who were at peace with themselves and others because of their relationship with Christ. The group plans to come back again in a couple of months.

The plans for an old fashioned dinner for each of our cottages for Thanksgiving, November 28, continues. The Reverend Willie Brown, one of our Youth Counselors, is working on this volunteer program.

The staff committee on Christmas programs and Christmas presents for our children was appointed on November 4 at our weekly Supervisory Staff Meeting. Another meeting relative to the Christmas programs is planned for the week of November 11 - November 15.

We have another volunteer Sunday School teacher, Mr. Thomas Cowart. He teaches half the boys in Calhoun Cottage. Mr. Cowart has served as a missionary in India, as a pastor, and is presently employed as a science teacher.

We are grieved over the passing of Mr. Benjamin Pendergrass who for many years was a Sunday School teacher here.

Ten of our Boy Scouts did attend the Citadel-Appalachian State Football game in Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Mike DuBose and Chaplain Pilgrim escorted the boys along with Mr. Ronald Hudson from the local Boy Scout office. Boy Scouts from the entire Pee Dee area were invited guests of the Citadel.

We also plan to have a singing group, "The Internationals", from Florida Bible College the first week in December, 1974. This program is sponsored by the "Fellowship of Christian Athletes".

Campus Police Insight

Cleveland James is attending a six-weeks training course at the Police Academy in Columbia. James will complete his course there on December 20. We will be glad to have him back on campus.

Rambling In Recreation

The football team completed their season on Saturday, November 16. The final record was 3-6, but this isn't any indication of the job done by Coach Cleveland James. Coach James, a security officer, donated many hours to this squad and each boy learned sportsmanship from him. Some of the students were Craig Garrett, James Simmons, Lester Locklear, Bernard Brown, Anthony McIntoch, and Danny Walker. Congratulations, coach, on a job well done.

The Boxing Team began workouts for a regional AAU Tournament in Hartsville during the month of December. Under the capable guidance of Gene Montague we expect big things from this squad.

The S.C.S.B. will again take part in the City Church Basketball League. Tryouts for this squad begins on Friday, November 22. The team will be attempting to defend its championship in this league.

The weekly Honor Rolls have enjoyed all of the local high school football games this year, and we are all looking forward to the basketball season opener at Francis Marion College on Friday.

The weekly Honor Roll this week enjoyed a movie at a local theatre and swimming at the Y.M.C.A.

Social Services

Congratulations are extended to the Hampton Cottage Life staff, Ms. Julia Barr, Mr. Clarence Dixon, Mr. Arthur Hawkins, Mr. Charles Holden, and Mr. Gene Montague, also the Hampton Cottage Social Worker, Mr. Jay Shealy. Congratulations especially to the students for winning the weekly kitchen behavior and sanitation contest four out of the past five weeks. The boys were treated to all the hamburgers, french fries, cole slaw, and cokes they desired. We would also like to express our appreciation to Mr. Smith and his assistants for their efforts in preparation of this special meal.

The Social Services staff wishes to express their appreciation to the teachers for their enthusiastic participation in the Treatment Teams. We feel we have already experienced a strengthening of campus relationships and student programs and anticipate the development of many new and better methods of meeting the needs of our children through the team process.

Academic School

A highly successful intramural football season came to an exciting conclusion on November 13, as Group D completed an undefeated season with an 18 to 12 win over previously undefeated Group B2. The game was a thriller from start to finish, with all the touchdowns coming on long scoring plays. Leroy Golden, Andrew Bailey, Willie Gilmore, Ronnie Patterson, Jerry Price, Anthony Woodruff, Robert Lasker, Rockselle Wright, Aaron Alexander, and John Mitchell will receive the championship trophies as a result of their efforts in compiling their perfect 6-0 record.

Coach Burry would like to thank all of the teachers and students whose good sportsmanship and competitive spirit made the season a total success. Everyone is looking forward to the basketball season which will begin on December 3.

It has been the happy experience of the School for Boys to welcome three new teacher aides to our faculty. The new members are Mrs. Libby Bruton, Mrs. Juliaette Anderson, and Mrs. Emma Greer. They have completed their first week, and it has been a pleasant and rewarding experience for all of us. Again, welcome ladies!

On Wednesday, November 20, Christmas cards for the Department of Youth Services were judged in Columbia. We are pleased that Mark Harris' entry was selected to share first place. Larry Sinclair's work was judged third place. Mark's illustration is planned to be used for the Department's Christmas card. We are proud of our Art

students who made the effort in the Christmas spirit.

New Staff

We welcome Mr. Sevaris Hanna to our staff as a Youth Counselor in Middleton Cottage. We also welcome Mrs. Doris Cooper to our Food Service Staff.

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NEWS FROM YOUTH BUREAU DIVISION. . . . . .

Caroselle

Duran was the guest of honor for an evening of hair cutting and styling on October 29. Arrangements for the program were made by Columbia Jr. Woman's Club. This talented man has worked with some of the famous national salons including Mr. Kenneth in New York.

On October 30, Mrs. Julianne Harley of Southern Bell presented a most interesting program using tapes to show proper and improper methods of telephone communication. Our residents voices were taped during practice calls and played back for the purpose of self-criticism. The program ended on a fun note with Carol on the receiving end of a call from the noted operator, Lily Tomlin, of Laugh-In fame. It was great fun and an excellent learning experience.

We are now proud owners of a second brand new sewing machine donated by the "Z" Club of Spring Valley High School. These great kids held a fund raising drive last spring and another this fall to purchase the machine.

The Zonta Club of Columbia provided each resident with five dollars with which to enjoy the State Fair.

Courtesy of Mr. Bob Hudson, Vocational Rehabilitation, we were treated to a "Lake Murray Bass" fish fry on October 28.

Columbia Regional Office

Mr. Ulysses L. Walker, Youth Counselor for Columbia Regional Youth Bureau, has arranged to have parents of our clients receive a copy of the following prayer as an incentive for helping their children:

A Parent's Prayer

O heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power.

Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meaness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.

May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgement of adults.

Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.

Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests, and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm.

Make me fair and just and kind. And fit me, O Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children.

AMEN

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NEWS FROM JOHN G. RICHARDS SCHOOL. . . . . .

Under our new director, Miss Beverley Edmonds, a social worker at John G. Richards School, the choir went to Midlands Center to present a Christmas program to the residents there. They have done a wonderful job.

Mrs. Judy Taylor, Secretary at Social Services, will be leaving on November 29, 1974, to accept a new position with Daniel's International Construction Company, located at the Nuclear Center outside Jenkinsville. We wish her much luck and success in her new endeavor.

We would like to welcome to our staff: Mrs. Christine Baker and Mrs. Ethelene Eichelberger to the dietary section; Messrs. Jan Russell and Jason Ellison as Youth Counselors; and Mrs. Viola Laurie and Mrs. Eleanor Janufka as teacher's aides.

All Food Service, Maintenance, Laundry and Supply personnel at John G. Richards School are 100% in joining South Carolina State Employees' Association.

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Student's Poem

I've been through a lot in my fifteen years,
And in that period I've shed a lot of tears.

Why did I hurt the people that I did,
I've been doing this since I was a kid.

Please let me go back to my home,
Cause I'm tired of being depressed and alone.

I wanna go back to the people I love and that love me,
But that's one thing here the people can't see.

I wanna get rid of my worries and fears,
And waste no more of my limited tears.

....Ron Kirkland

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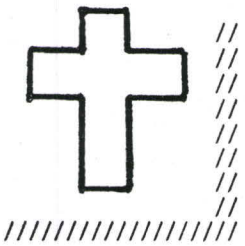

CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Thanksgiving Day just didn't happen! It was made to happen by a little Lady of Godey's by the name of Sarah Buell Hale.

She decided that this great day, which we now celebrate with football, turkey and all the trimmings, was just what our nation needed in order to be reunited. From 1845 until 1863, she failed in her attempt but kept trying. Finally, President Lincoln proclaimed the 4th Thursday of November, 1863, as a day of National Thanksgiving.

Our Thanksgiving Day is not just a glorious harvest home festival, nor is it merely a religious observance, it is as distinctively American as the 4th of July or the 22nd of February. It is a day given to America for gratefully consideration of the unique system of government under which we live. It is a day of reflection for the providential way in which that government has been preserved and the sacrificial way, time after time, our people have been ready to defend their government with their lives.

Let's thank God for it and enjoy it!

Chaplain Howard Ellzey
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